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Rgh^t Hono^{ble} my Seruants and goods I brought from England to y^e vallew of two or thre hundred pounds are all imbesseld as by a letter from that towne and informed which is to my utter undoeing therefore adress mySelfe to your honour for Justise and that I may not be altogether ruined both in my person and estate through the uniust prosedings of y^e afore said Don Fransisco De gerra

I haue the rather presumed one your honours fauours In regard of Sum knowledg and acquaintance with that Honorable Geltlman Sr Francis Godolfin and hour honours familly when Lodging in westminster

Thear is every year diuers shipps and vessells of o^r nation pass along one this Coast whoe falling among the barbarous Indians are put to extreame hassards and loss of Life all which may be preuented if an Agent were Settled in this place with power to that effect and likewise would be of great Concerne for y^e Conceruing of a true understanding betweene those of o^r Collonie and this place and to returne our ways one y^e one part and on y^e other I had reason to expect the Lords propriators would haue taken order for my releasment in regard I suffer in their Concerns and not for y^e leaste Intrest of mine owne pticuler I haue write (sic) formerly to your honour nominating the place of our english Settlement S^t georges it being soe called in the time of the former Gouvernor deceased

I shall with Longing expectations waite your honours orders in relation to y^e premises and Craue Leaue to Subscribe mySelfe your Honours most humble Seruant

JOSEPH BAILY [Original]

S.^t Agusten one Florida
Desember y^e 12.th 1672

THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE, 1803

A South Carolina Federalist on the purchase of Louisiana:

John Rutledge³ to Harrison Gray Otis of Boston.—Weathersfield, Oct. 1, 1803.

. . . . "I really believe the fever of democracy has had its crisis here and that things will now be growing better and better. . . . Our *Master* [Jefferson] will have mighty fine tales

³ A son of Gov. John Rutledge, and generally known as Gen. John Rutledge.

to amuse his *mountain* and their mob with—we shall have the prosperous condition of the Republic eulogized, and hear much of the great advantages which will obtain to us by the purchase of a trackless world—A country which when worth the holding will I have no doubt rival and oppose the atlantic states. I do not mean New Orleans which was absolutely necessary for us to get, and which in *substance* is all we have got for our fifteen millions. This seems to me a miserably calamitous business—indeed I think it must result in the disunion of these States.”

Copied by me from private papers in the possession of Mr. Samuel Eliot Morison of Boston, Mass.

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